

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been cancelled, the subject matter of those claims have incorporated into newly added claims 14-27, which are pending in this Application. Claims 14, 20 and 27 are in independent form.

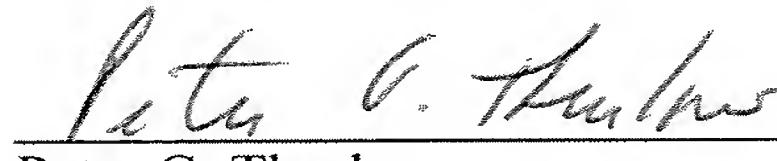
A substitute specification (clean and marked-up version) is provided herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The substitute specification does not include new matter. The substitute specification amends PCT/EP03/14471 to conform the specification and claims to customary patent practice and procedure in the United States.

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement that cites all the references cited in the International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210) for PCT No. EP03/14471. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references and acknowledge in the next communication relating to this application that these references have been duly considered.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this application with a view towards allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone call could help resolve any issues related to the patentability of the claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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